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Public Service Announcement **Fort Carson declares Public Health Emergency**

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Fort Carson installation commander has declared a public health emergency for the installation as of 9 a.m. Tuesday due to the evolving threat of COVID-19.

This declaration is in line with the state of Colorado and various counties which have also declared public health emergencies.

A public health emergency declaration allows the installation commander to take further protective measures, such as restricting movement and limiting services. The emergency order is in place for 30 days, but it may be terminated or extended as required.

“Declaring a public health emergency at Fort Carson frees up more resources that will allow us to be more proactive in our approach to protecting the safety and health of our Soldiers, Family members, Civilians and community neighbors,” said Maj. Gen. Matthew McFarlane, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commanding general. “We will continue to work to balance readiness with mitigating the effects and potential spread of COVID-19.”

Fort Carson will continue to provide updates on affected services and activities on the Fort Carson website at www.carson.army.mil and installation social media pages. Facebook Live Town Hall updates to provide information and address community questions and concerns.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Defense Coronavirus websites at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus> and <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>, or call the Fort Carson COVID-19 Hotline at (719) 524-2684.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.